

UK PAPER –ELEMENTS FOR A KOSOVO STRATEGY INTO 2006

2005 TIMETABLE AND ACTIVITY

- Late October – Security Council adopt President Statement (PRST) supporting (a) launch of final status process and: (b) welcoming SG intention to appoint a final status envoy. Asks the Secretary-General to provide regular updates on progress in determining Kosovo's final status. But see below.
- Late October (**but after the adoption of the PRST**) – exchange of letters between the President of the Security Council (Romania) and the Secretary-General, taking note of the SG's intention to appoint a final status envoy and annexing the Contact Group Guiding Principles (once agreed) to the Security Council's response. Removes the need to agree the Guiding Principles before the PRST is adopted by the Security Council (see above).
- 1 November - Secretary-General formally appoints Marti Ahtisaari as UN Final Status envoy.
- 3-4 November (Washington/New York) – meeting between Ahtisaari (once confirmed) and Contact Group at Political Director level. Discussion of "labels" to cover international support for Ahtisaari (i.e. EU, US and Russian envoys/advisers by another name). Political role for **NATO** during the status process – how can we achieve this?
- Late November/early December – Ahtisaari to start shuttle diplomacy. Visits Belgrade and Pristina. Taking in regional neighbours. Early meeting with the **European Union** (7 November??).
- Mandate for final status envoy? Security Council resolution 1244, other Security Council statements and the Guiding Principles. Contact Group input. Do we need a further Security Council PRST?
- Frequency of briefings by Ahtisaari to the Security Council and separately the Contact Group. With the former at least every quarter should be acceptable but best left to Ahtisaari to decide. With the latter at least bi-monthly at Political Director level. Location – Vienna (since this will be Ahtisaari's operating hub). Continue into 2006 until end of final status process.

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